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Probe of
CIA Police

Role Asked

Senate, House Quiz Sought

Two congressional committees were asked today to investigate the Central Intelligence Agency's role in training nearly 50 police officers in about a dozen U.S. cities.

Rep. Edward Koch (D-N.Y.) told a news conference he has requested formal investigations by the Senate and House Government Operations Committees.

Koch made public a letter to him from John Maury, CIA legislative counsel, confirming that the secret agency had participated in training police officers.

Violate Law

Koch accused the CIA of violating a 1947 law which says the agency "shall have no police, subpena, lawenforcement powers, or internal security functions."

In the letter, Maury said the CIA has briefed police officers on such subjects "as the procedures for the processing, analyzing, filing and retrieving information, security devices and procedures, and metal and explosives detection techniques."

The CIA, Maury wrote, does not believe such activities "violate the letter or spirit" of the 1947 law.

Police Training

Domestic police traby the CIA is consistent with the 1963 crime control act which extended federal assistance to local and state police units, he maintained.

The CIA training offered 14 New York City officers was disclosed in a news report in December.

But Koch refused to name the other cities involved, though he said he has turned over the identities to the House and Senate committee chairmen.